

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of claims:**

**Claim 1 (Previously Presented):** A device for retaining an excess portion of a lead implanted within or on a surface of a brain of a patient, the device comprising:

a burr hole ring configured to be secured to a skull of the patient; and

a lead retainer extending from the burr hole ring, the lead retainer being configured to releasably retain a plurality of distinct sections of the excess portion of the lead, the lead retainer comprising a plurality of grooves to releasably retain the plurality of distinct sections of the lead, each groove having a width that is less than an outside diameter of the lead, the width of each groove configured to accept the lead by increasing the width of the groove a distance at least as great as the outside diameter of the lead when a force is being applied to insert the lead into one of the grooves.

**Claim 2 (Original):** The device in claim 1 wherein the lead retainer is connected to the burr ring by an integral living hinge.

**Claim 3 (Original):** The device of claim 2 wherein the integral living hinge permits relative movement between the lead retainer and the burr hole ring between expanded and collapsed positions.

**Claim 4 (Original):** The device of claim 1 wherein the lead retainer is pivotally connected to the burr ring.

**Claim 5 (Original):** The device of claim 4 further comprising a pivot hinge to selectively enable the lead retainer to move between expanded and collapsed positions.

**Claim 6 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 7 (Previously Presented):** The device of claim 1 wherein the lead retainer is structured and arranged to releasably retain the excess portion of the lead in one of a plurality of different coiling configurations.

**Claim 8 (Original):** The device of claim 1 wherein the lead retainer is formed from a resilient material.

**Claim 9 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 10 (Previously Presented):** The device of claim 1 wherein each groove is configured to store multiple sections of the excess portion of the lead.

**Claim 11 (Previously Presented):** The device of claim 1 further comprising a plurality of lead retainers extending from the burr ring.

**Claim 12 (Previously Presented):** A device for retaining an excess portion of a lead that is implanted within or on a surface of a brain of a patient wherein access to the brain is provided through a burr hole in a skull of a patient, the device comprising:

a sleeve having an aperture extending therethrough, the sleeve being configured to be secured to a wall of the burr hole wherein the aperture is in general alignment with the burr hole; and

a flange extending from the sleeve, the flange having means for at least partially retaining a plurality of different sections of the excess portion of the lead, the retaining means including a plurality of tabs extending from an outside surface of the flange, the tabs configured to form a groove between adjacent tabs to thereby form a plurality of grooves to retain the plurality of different sections of the excess portion of the lead.

**Claims 13-14 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 15 (Previously Presented):** A device for retaining an excess portion of a lead that is implanted within or on a surface of a brain of a patient wherein access to the brain is provided through a burr hole in a skull of a patient, the device comprising:

a burr hole ring having an aperture configured to receive the lead therethrough and an outside surface, the burr hole ring being configured to be secured to the skull wherein the aperture in the burr hole ring is in general alignment

with the burr hole, the outside surface of the burr hole ring including a spiral groove that extends from the aperture to at least one outlet periphery of the outside surface of the burr ring, the spiral groove dimensioned such that the excess portion of the lead can be stored in at least one loop in the spiral groove.

**Claims 16-17 (Cancelled)**

**Claim 18 (Previously Presented):** The device of claim 15 wherein the groove system includes a plurality of concentric grooves extending circumferentially around the outside surface of the burr hole ring, and at least one generally radial groove in the outside surface communicating with the plurality of concentric grooves, the radial groove extending to an outlet at a periphery of the outside surface of the burr hole ring.

**Claim 19 (Previously Presented):** The device of claim 15 wherein the groove system is defined by a continuous spiral groove extending around the outside surface of the burr hole ring, and at least one generally radial groove intersecting the spiral groove and leading to at least one outlet at a periphery of the outside surface of the burr hole ring wherein the spiral groove commences adjacent to the aperture in the burr hole ring.

**Claim 20 (Original):** The device of claim 15 wherein the burr hole ring is formed from a resilient material.

**Claim 21 (Original):** The device of claim 15 wherein at least a section of the excess portion of the lead is retained in the retaining means in one of a plurality of different coiling configurations.

**Claim 22 (Currently Amended):** A device for managing an excess portion of a lead implanted within or on a surface of a brain of a patient, the device configured to be used in conjunction with a burr hole ring having a flange and a sleeve extending from the flange, the device comprising:

a ring having an aperture disposed therein for receiving the sleeve portion or the burr ring; and

at least one lead retainer extending from the ring to store a plurality of different sections of the excess portion of the lead, the at least one lead retainer comprising a plurality of spaced apart grooves to releasably retain the plurality of different sections of the lead.

**Claim 23 (Original):** The device of claim 22 further comprising a plurality of lead retainers disposed at spaced apart locations with respect to the ring.

**Claims 24-45 (Cancelled)**